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Urban Flooding On The Las Vegas Strip/Photo: NWS Las Vegas

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1 1877: U.S. Signal Service, the predecessor to the National Weather Service, establishes a "signal office" in Winnemucca at the Arlington Hotel.	2 1944: Today began the longest dry spell in Las Vegas history which lasted from July 2nd until October 10th, a total of 101 days.	3 1975: The "Caesars Palace Flood" takes place after as much as 3 inches of rain swells washes throughout Las Vegas. The main damage occurred to vehicles at Caesars Palace with up to 700 damaged or destroyed cars.	4 1981: Elko's highest temperature ever recorded in any month is reached when the high hits 107°F.	5 1985: A severe thunderstorm caused winds to gust to 75 mph at Elko Airport.	6 2006: A severe thunderstorm produced hail 3/4 inch in diameter about 3 miles north of Eureka.	7 1991: A F0 tornado moved across Amargosa Valley.
8 1999: Thunderstorms dropping up to 3 inches of rain triggered widespread flooding in Las Vegas. Over 200 swiftwater rescues took place and the Forum Shops flooded at Caesars Palace as well as Las Vegas City Hall.	9 1998: Lightning struck a large house in Henderson and set it on fire. The house was totally destroyed with damages totaling \$1.5 million at the time.	10 2002: Reno had a temperature of 108°F, setting its all-time record high. Carson City set its all-time record high with a reading of 105°F.	11 1980: Thunderstorm wind gusts estimated at 90 mph sank docks and 65 boats and damaged over 100 at Callville Bay on Lake Mead resulting in \$2 million in damages.	12 2002: Ely's highest temperature ever recorded in any month is reached with a high of 101°F.	13 1990: Flash flooding struck Valley of Fire State Park with two to three feet of water flowing over roads.	14 1972: A cooperative weather observer in the Sunrise Manor neighborhood of Las Vegas records a high temperature of 121°F.
15 1996: Strong thunderstorms over the Clover Mountains resulted in high runoff that filled a basin. The basin failed and flooded parts of Caliente with 3 cars washed away.	16 1973: A tornado, rated F1, was reported six miles north of Reno.	17 1962: A tornado touched down 24 miles south of Beowawe; 3 inches of top soil removed along path, Cessna 170 aircraft destroyed, structures adjacent to a trailer house damaged.	18 1994: Costliest weather event ever in Las Vegas: All-time high destroyed the Hilton Hotel sign. 200,000 people lost power for up to 48 hours. Damages were \$50 million at the time.	19 2005: Hottest day ever officially in Las Vegas: All-time high of 117°F tied at McCarran Airport and the low of 95°F was the warmest low temperature ever.	20 1998: Heavy rain and a clogged drainage system caused the roof of the Palace Station Casino in Las Vegas to collapse. A few hours later, the same casino caught fire after lightning struck it.	21 2002: A thunderstorm with winds estimated at 75 mph tore the roof off a baseball dugout, blew over a large metal trailer and tossed portable toilets over at Battle Mountain High School.
22 1970: The worst flash flood in about 50 years struck Duckwater with water up to two and a half feet deep. Fences and bridges were destroyed.	23 1913: Debris from a flash flood blocked parts of the Reno-Carson City road (now U.S. Highway 395).	24 1939: The first routine weather balloon launches in Nevada begin at Ely.	25 1986: Hail fell in Virginia City. In some places the hail on the ground was 2 inches deep.	26 1931: Volunteer weather observer Charles "Pop" Squires records a high of 118°F on Fremont Street in Las Vegas.	27 1972: A man was struck and killed by lightning in Las Vegas. Two men standing nearby were thrown about 40 feet from the impact.	28 1984: Wettest July day ever in Las Vegas, 1.36 inches of rain fell. Funnel clouds were also reported in the city and flood waters even entered the NWS Building at McCarran Airport.
29 2005: Thunderstorm winds picked up ash and dirt from a recent fire and blew it across Interstate 80 west of Carlin dropping visibility to near zero and triggering a 20 vehicle pile-up that killed 4.	30 1998: An F0 tornado was reported north of Reno near Black Springs and Raleigh Heights.	31 1949: Newspaper reports of a tornado hitting in the Virgin Valley destroying hay crops. In Mesquite, the storm reportedly "blew hay over the mountains".	Spotlight On Safety: Dealing With The Heat Summer's heat can easily take its toll. Remember to stay hydrated by drinking non-alcoholic beverages. If you are traveling, especially long distances, bring water and even non-perishable food with you. Wear lightweight, light colored and loose-fit clothing. Lastly, slow down and make sure to avoid strenuous activities in the hottest part of the day.			